MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): May I know whether any Mahomedan had applied?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): None, for the clerk's post.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): With reference to part (*c*), may I know whether the appointment of the particular candidate has been sanctioned by the Government? Was it with the permission of the Government that this appointment was made?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The President of the Panchayat Court asked for permission and that was given.

Export Duty on Copra.

110. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): With reference to the reply to my motion for the reduction of export duty on *copra* printed at page 426 of Vol. IX of the Council Proceedings, will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken by them on the recommendation of the Excise Commissioner?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Tour to England of Dewan Mr. M. E. Watts.

111. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. M. E. Watts, the Dewan, had any State business to be transacted when he went last to England, and, if so, what it was;

(*b*) whether Mr. M. E. Watts has drawn any allowance for his journey to and from England, and, if so, what is the amount so drawn and why this allowance was given; and

(*c*) whether their attention has been drawn to an article contained in the *Sunday Times*, London, explaining the object of Mr. M. E. Watts's visit to England, and, if so, whether there is any truth in that statement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the negative.

(*c*) The Government have seen no such article in the *Sunday Times*; but their attention was drawn to a gossip-writer's paragraph in the *Daily Express*, London. The statement is untrue.

Arrangement during the Absence of the Chief Engineer on Leave.

112. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why an Assistant Engineer was asked to be in charge of the Chief Engineer's duties during his leave;

(*b*) whether it was on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer; and

(*c*) whether this Assistant Engineer granted casual leave to, and passed travelling allowance bills of, Executive Engineers during the period.

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*c*) of interpellation No. 84 by Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

Selection of Members for Examiners' Boards.

113. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the basis on which the members of the Board of Examiners of the School Final Examination were selected ;

(*b*) whether there are members to represent all important subjects for the examination, and, if so, whether they will lay on the table a list showing the names of the members and the several subjects they represent ; and

(*c*) why no selection has been made from an important educational institution, like the Arts College, Trivandrum ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Board of Examiners is composed of the three chief Inspecting officers and six other members, of whom one is the Chairman of the Board. These 6 members are chosen from among Professors of colleges, Headmasters of High Schools and other prominent educationists, regard being had to a proper representation of the various subjects and the fitness of the persons for the work for which they are appointed.

(*b*) Yes. The members and the subjects they represent are :—

Chairman.—(1). Mr. C. V. Chandrasekaran, M. A., (Oxon)—History and English.

Members.—(1). Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar, M. A.,—Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

(2). Mr. A. M. Varkey, M. A., B. L.,—English.

(3). ,, K. R. Krishna Pillai, B. A., B. L.,—Sanskrit and Malayalam.

(4). ,, K. P. Krishna Menon, B. A., L. T.,—Mathematics.

(5). ,, T. Lakshmana Pillai, B. A.,—Tamil.

Ex-officio Members.

(6). Mr. O. M. Cheriyan, B. A., L. T.,—All subjects for the V. S. L. C and V. H. Examinations.

(7). Mr. U. Ramakrishna Kukillaya, B. A., L. T.,—All subjects for the E. S. L. C. Examination.

(8). Miss E. C. Carrapiett, M. A., L. T.,—English, Needle-work, etc.

(*c*) It is not practicable to make the Board representative of all the educational institutions in the State.

Encouragement to Nairs in Trade and Industries.

114. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): (1) With reference to the answer to question No. 343, given on the

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